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TAGS: PORG, IMCO, FR

SUBJECT: IMCO-PROPOSED CONVENTION AMENDMENTS

REF: STATE 6918, STATE 25189

1. VIEWS OF DE RAVIGNAN OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS ON POINTS RAISED PARA 2 STATE 6918: GOF HAS MADE NO MODIFICATIONS IN ITS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, WHICH REMAIN AS ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED. RATIONALE BEHIND AMENDMENTS IS THAT IMCO SHOULD EVOLVE WITH THE TIMES THAT HAVE CHANGED SINCE IMCO CAME INTO BEING. THUS FAR MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN DRIVING FORCE WITHIN IMCO, BUT GOF BELIEVES MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE AND LEGAL COMMITTEE SHOULD NOW HAVE EQUAL STATUS ALONGSIDE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE. THIS WOULD IN TURN REQUIRE ENHANCING POWERS OF COUNCIL, SINCE HITHERTO IT HAS BEEN MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE THAT HAS DECIDED IMCO WORK PROGRAM WHEREAS WITH THREE CO-EQUAL COMMITTEES IT SHOULD BE COUNCIL THAT HAS THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

ADJUSTMENTS IN SECRETARIAT STRUCTURE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF ABOVE INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES ARE DISMISSED AS MATTERS OF PURE FORM. WITH REGARD TO MODIFICATION OF PRESENT PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING CONVENTION, GOF SEES NO NEED

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RETAIN REQUIREMENT FOR MAJORITY OF COUNCIL TO BE

INCLUDED AMONG TWO THIRDS MAJORITY OF ASSEMBLY REQUIRED  
FOR ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO CONVENTION, ESPECIALLY  
SINCE SIMILAR REQUIREMENT DOES NOT EXIST IN OTHER  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. GOF HENCE CONSIDERS IT  
AS AN ANACHRONISM THAT SHOULD BE DISPENSED WITH.  
WHEN WE INQUIRED WHETHER LATTER AMENDMENT WAS PROPOSED  
TO ACCOMMODATE CERTAIN OTHER IMCO MEMBERS WHO MIGHT  
DESIRE SUCH REFORM, DE RAVIGNAN SAID PROPOSAL WAS GOF  
INITIATIVE TAKEN AT NO ONE ELSE'S URGING.

2. WHEN ASKED WHAT SUPPORT GOF EXPECTED FOR ITS  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS BASED ON SOUNDINGS IT MAY HAVE  
TAKEN WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS, DE RAVIGNAN REPLIED THAT  
SUPPORT OF SEVERAL OTHER GOVERNMENTS WAS ASSURED.  
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